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Subject: United Latin American Official on Frontini Visit

Buenos Aires, South American desk officer at the UN, tells us the French hope to avoid any discussion of the Eichmann issue during Argentinean President Frondizi's visit to Paris June 22 to 25. The French share the general opinion that Eichmann should be tried, and they have approached Argentina in the past for giving asylum to numerous nationalist leaders. Nevertheless, while understanding the legitimate desire to bring Eichmann to justice, the French recognize that the Israelis acted illegally toward a friendly country. Buenos Aires says the French will not raise the matter, and hopes that the Argentines, who are very sensitive to the charge that they shelter many former Nazis, will not either. The French have no wish, Buenos Aires said, to act as arbitrator or intermediary in this matter. They enjoy excellent relations with both countries and fear that any action on their part would only cause ill will for them on both sides without solving anything. Buenos Aires indicated the French fear they may be asked to support Argentina on the matter at the United Nations.

Buenos Aires thinks that a meeting between Ben-Gurion and Frondizi is unlikely during the latter's visit to France, since his program is already so filled that he will have scarcely a spare minute.

Buenos Aires says that the protocol requirements of this 40-hour visit leave scarcely any time for substantive discussion. The French will, however, raise a matter of compensation for French property nationalized at the north of Rosario during the war. He thinks this will at once bring before Argentina last year satisfactorily settled another long outstanding dispute of the same nature.

The French also intend to reassure the Argentines that the EC will not allow the transfer of the ECU to the Argentine province nor channel European capital to other regions of the world such as Africa. He appears to be a reassuring theme in French talks with Latin Americans. It will be recalled that the French were at pains to reassure Peru's President Prado of the EC's good intentions toward Latin America at the time of his visit here in February.

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Deputies said the Americans might be a bit stupid at the fact that Franklin's visit is only for 24 hours. However, in a 24 hour visit, the American will be able to see the world of an army leader's perspective. This was all the French could do. In an interview at night on the programme for the night, Deputies said that the Foreign Minister had confirmed the plans with other countries. Deputies said that in order to make sure that the committee would be at the same level in each country.

Deputy Deputies speculated that, from the visits of Lytle and Marshall to Deputies, a visit by Deputies to Latin America at some unspecified time in the future would not be altogether unexpected. He believed it was that on the way to Deputies to Deputies and possibly being made for such a trip.

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